

REMARKS

Claims 2 to 10, 55 to 63, and 114 to 117 are pending in the present application. Claims 11 to 53 and 64 to 112 have been withdrawn from consideration and canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 54 and 113 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 114 and 117 have been amended. No new matter has been entered.

In the Appeal Board decision (*Ex parte Petrov et al.*, decision of the Board of Appeals and Interferences, Patent Application Serial No. 09/819,772, appeal no. 2009-1413, decided April 15, 2009, hereinafter “Decision”), the Board upheld the Examiner’s rejection of claims 114 and 117, and reversed the rejections of claims 2-10 and 55-63.

Applicants have amended claims 114 and 117 as suggested by the Examiner in the Examiner’s Answer (at page 24) and as referenced by the Board (see page 14 of the Decision). Applicants submit that the claim amendments should be entered according to 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(c).

By this amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4254 to discuss the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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